SENATE BILL 3257

By Burchett

AN ACT amend Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to contractors providing public safety related goods and services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

§ 12-3-1301.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or private law or charter provision to the contrary, the majority ownership interest of any business enterprise supplying public safety-related goods or services to any unit of state or local government must be vested in one or more corporations or companies domiciled in this country.
- (b) As used in this part, "public safety-related goods or services" means essential equipment utilized by police officers or others for law enforcement or traffic safety purposes; or essential equipment utilized by firefighters or correctional officers in the performance of their duties; or the provision of private sector employees to provide law enforcement, traffic safety, firefighting or correctional services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to contract entered into or renewed on or after such date.